

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

February 18, 1999

Treasurer,

It is my distinct honour to present to you and to Convocation, The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter deCarteret Cory and ask that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Entering upon a successful and varied career in civil litigation his discipline and capacity for work, his incisive analysis of legal issues and quiet demeanour earned him the respect of his peers and in 1974 his abilities were formally recognized with his appointment to the High Court of Justice.

Applying to his judicial duties the same traits while at the Bar, he soon gained a reputation as a thoughtful and considerate judge recognized not only for the depth of his legal knowledge but also for the gentle and respectful manner in which he treated counsel, a reputation which grew as he was appointed first to the Court of Appeal and then elevated to the Supreme Court of Canada.

During ten years as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada he has helped shape the law of this land and has sought to find the delicate balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the state.

As a member of the armed services, as a practising lawyer and as a judge, Peter deCarteret Cory embodies standards of learning, service and civility which are exemplars to all and he is truly most worthy of the Society's highest honour, the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa which I ask, Treasurer, you now bestow upon him.